

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Southern California 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
CHUB MACKEREL	2,949	1,296	968	1,653	11.3"
KELP BASS	1,222	326	511	896	14.2"
PACIFIC BARRACUDA	1,200	449	2,055	751	29.7"
BARRED SANDBASS	994	408	685	586	14.7"
YELLOWTAIL	760	673	5,698	87	25.5"

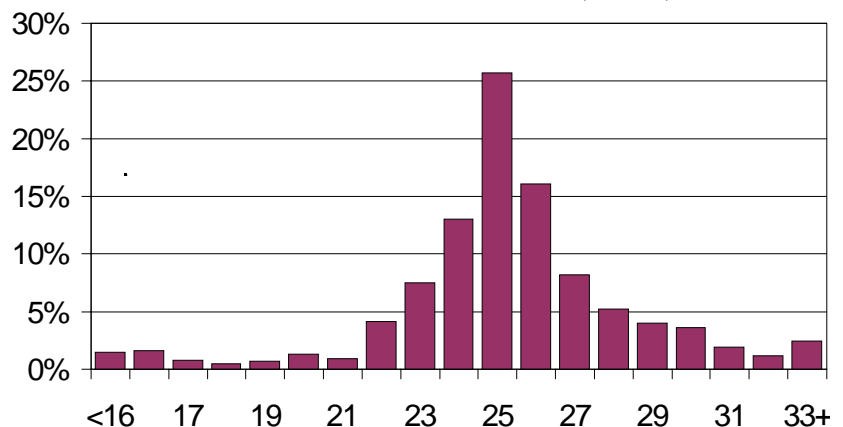
Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

Yellowtail
Seriola lalandi



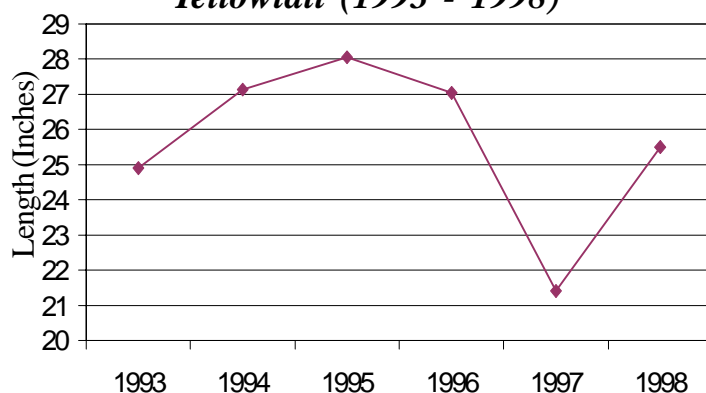
Since 1993, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 145 species of marine fish landed in Southern California.

Length Distribution (in inches)
Harvested Yellowtail (1998)

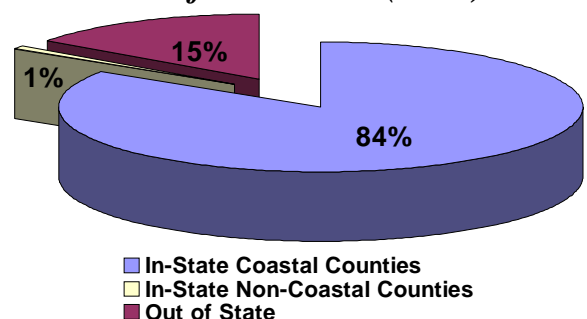


In 1998, nearly 55% of harvested yellowtail averaged between 24 and 26 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Yellowtail (1993 - 1998)

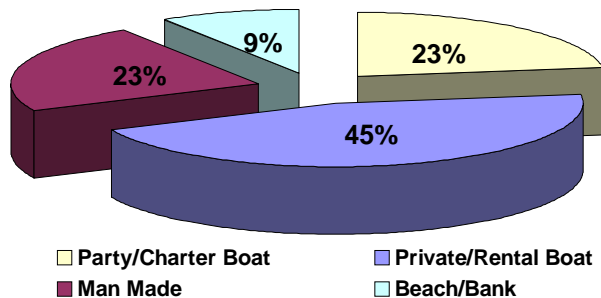


Southern California Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



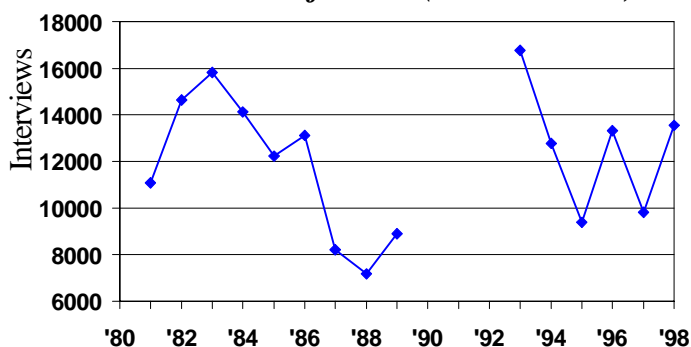
In 1998, over 922,000 anglers participated in Southern California's Marine Recreational Fishery.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



In 1998, anglers took nearly 3.0 million saltwater fishing trips in Southern California.

Number of Completed Field Surveys Southern California (1980 - 1998)

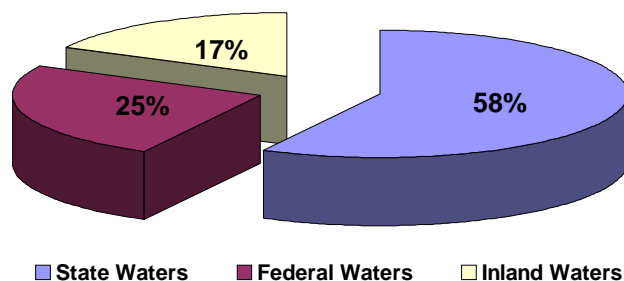


In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 13,543 surveys in Southern California.

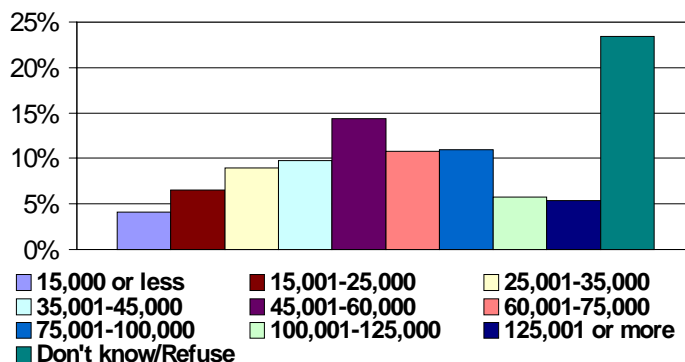
Due to funding constraints, the MRFSS was not conducted on the Pacific Coast from 1990-1992.

Since 1993, the MRFSS has been conducted as a component of Pacific RecFIN, which includes specialized state surveys for salmon fishing and ocean boat fishing in certain time periods.

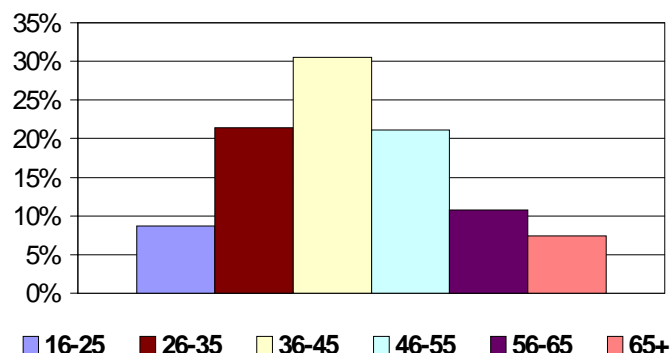
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



Income Distribution for California Anglers (1997)



Age Distribution of California Anglers (1997)



Age and income information is for all California, not just Southern California.

CALIFORNIA MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) - Marine Resources Division
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Rules and Regulations

Report Violations: 1-888-DFG-CALTIP
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